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In a DIRNSA message to COMUSAFSS (Klocko), Lt. General Blake, USAE, advised the following course :

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2. Colonel . of your staff has just completed a briefing for members of my staff in which he outlined the requirements of CINCONAD and CINCAFLANT for COMINT support to enable them to fulfill their responsibilities. Although we have received no formal statement of requirement as outlined by Colonel

there is no question about the validity of the requirement to keep CONAD and CINCAFLANT currently advised of the Cuban Air situation. I feel, however, that our first priority requirement is reaction reporting in connection with high and low level reconnaissance flights. Our problem is that limitations in physical facilities at very enables us to do only limited processing there. The processing capability presently on board enables us to meet in a barely adequate fashion the requirement for reaction reporting, in order to perform the analysis necessary to meet the requirements of CONAD and AFLANT, we would have to double our present analytic effort at

3. We can however, provide a very limited response to these requirements by adding a small number of Air Force personnel familiar with these requirements to the complement at operating under the control of OIC, and permitting these individuals to pick off as a by-product of our limited processing in support of the reaction reporting that information which would also satisfy CONAD and AFLANT to the extent possible. When the processing is not engaged in supporting reaction reporting, we will direct the OIC, to satisfy the requirements of CONAD and AFLANT to the extent possible.

4. It is our understanding that the information produced as a result of the arrangements outlined above would be passed over a communications circuit to MacDill AFB where it would be relayed to the other Air Force

consumers. Pertinent information could also be passed by appropriate secure means to CONAD Control Center

5. I have been advised that we have received the authority to move in to

Therefore,

as a longer term solution to our problem, I would propose to task the [Army with establishing ?] a facility capable of intercept processing and reporting of Cuban tactical air and Cuban Air Defense Communications. Based on our preliminary information it would appear that, in addition to the personnel required to perform the mission outlined above, there may be space to intercept and process some portion of the Cuban Military Problem. If so, I might further propose a co-located Army-Air Force facility

[Note: General Kloc's comments on the interim and longer term solution
we solicited by Gen. Blake in this message.*]

* (TSC) DIRNSA Msg to COMUSAFSS, DTG 302241Z, 10234/30.